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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT-ELECT

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¶1. Below is the text of a congratulatory message to President-elect Obama from Professor Maurice Fangnon, Secretary-General, Centre for the Defence of Human Rights and Democracy in Africa - CDHRDA (NGO). The original letter will be sent via diplomatic pouch.

¶2. Text of letter:

"Dear Brother,

On behalf of our Panafrican organization and all the membership I hereby join the people of USA and the rest of the world to congratulate you for this historical victory.

Your victory remains a great lesson to Africans, who paradoxically live in abject poverty on the richest continent on earth due to the emergence of post independence corrupt leaders and the continuous bad governance in this deceitful democracy full of electoral frauds, political assassinations and all vices.

I wish the hopes of your people and of all those rejoicing around the world would meet their expectations. The hope to see peace on earth, the hope to the respect of Human and people rights and the sovereignty of nations, the hope to see development and eradication of poverty, the hope to see the establishment of a true democracy in Africa, the hope to see a true democratic United Nations Organization and her agencies with human policies.

On that regard we all shall grant you all our support. I remain sure to have your support too in our determination to establish good governance in African continent free from corruption, armed conflicts, hunger and diseases.

Once more dear Excellency have our congratulation in abundance!

Best Regards

Prof. Maurice Fangnon
Secretary-General
CDHRDA"
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